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An Act To Authorize the Annexation of a Portion of Redington Township in Franklin County to the Town of Carrabassett Valley

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this legislation to allow the inhabitants of the town concerned to join in the governing of their own affairs and desirable that the referendum for ratification of the proposed annexation be permitted as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. A portion of Redington Township, Township T1 R2, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase annexed to the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The unorganized territory consisting of that portion of Redington Township, Township T1 R2, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Franklin County being all that tract or parcel of land which lies northerly of the northerly line of land acquired by the United States of America by declaration of taking from Hudson Pulp and Paper Corp., a Maine corporation, et al., is annexed to the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

Sec. 2. Responsibility of State. The State shall assume responsibility for any outstanding indebtedness of Redington Township, Township T1 R2, at the time of annexation. The Town of Carrabassett Valley shall be responsible for obligations after the annexation.

Sec. 3. Planning costs to be absorbed by the Town of Carrabassett Valley. All costs associated with the transfer of jurisdiction over lands in Redington Township, Township T1 R2, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Franklin County from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to the Town of Carrabassett Valley must be borne by the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

Sec. 4. Comprehensive plan. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission retains no authority over the comprehensive plan or any land use activity in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

Sec. 5. Expedited permitting. The annexed portions of Redington Township, Township T1 R2, specified in this Act must be included in the expedited permitting area defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 3.

Sec. 6. Referendum; emergency clause; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Carrabassett Valley. There are no legal voters in Redington Township, Township T1 R2. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters in the Town of Carrabassett Valley at a town referendum after the passage of this Act for the purposes of

voting on the annexation described in section 1 of this Act. Warrants must be issued for the town meeting in the manner now provided by law for the holding of such meetings, notifying and warning the qualified voters of the town to vote on the approval or rejection of this Act. If the referendum fails, it may not be submitted again to the voters under the provisions of this Act.

The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

"Do you favor annexation by the Town of Carrabassett Valley of certain portions of Redington Township, T1 R2, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Franklin County, being all that tract or parcel of land which lies northerly of the northerly line of land acquired by the United States of America by declaration of taking from Hudson Pulp and Paper Corp., a Maine corporation, et al.?"

The municipal officers of the town shall declare the result of the vote and the town clerk shall file due certificates of the vote with the Secretary of State within 10 days of the date of the vote. This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal votes in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the annexation of a portion of Redington Township, Township T1 R2, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Franklin County by the Town of Carrabassett Valley subject to referendum.